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Monday, December 5

Tuesday, December 6

- 8:30 Registration and Continental Breakfast
- 8:50 **Introduction and Overview**
Jack C. Caldwell, Esq., Program Co-Chair
Baton Rouge
- 9:00 **The Delineation Process**
An A to Z Overview
David L. Patterson, PLS
LandSource, Baton Rouge
- 9:45 **Coastal Restoration**
An Overview of the Louisiana Coastal Area Study
Timothy J. Axtman, PE, Project Manager
Coastal Restoration Branch
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, New Orleans
- 10:30 Morning Break
- 10:45 **Takings Update**
Changes in the Public Trust; "Takings or Damagings;"
Wetlands Evaluation
Andrew C. Wilson, Esq.
Burke & Mayer, New Orleans
- 11:30 **Federal Legislative Update**
Wetlands and CWA Issues
Jason Schendle, Esq.
Legislative Counsel to Senator Mary L. Landrieu
U.S. Senate, Washington, DC
- 12:15 Lunch Break
- 1:30 **Coastal Use Permitting**
Permits Process Streamlining Efforts
Rocky Hinds, Coastal Management Division
Permits and Mitigation Program Manager
Louisiana Department of Natural Resources, Baton Rouge
- 2:15 **Permitting Issues**
404 and Louisiana Coastal Use Permits; 401 Water Quality
Certification; TMDLs
Karen Gautreaux, Deputy Secretary
Department of Environmental Quality, Baton Rouge
- 3:00 Afternoon Break
- 3:15 **Enforcement Issues**
Tips for the Wary
Andrew J. Harrison, Jr., Esq.
McGlinchey Stafford, Baton Rouge
- 4:00 **Wetlands Water Discharge Treatment**
A Review of the Use of Wetlands for the Assimilation
of Wastewater in the Mississippi Delta
John W. Day, Jr., PhD, Distinguished Professor,
Department of Oceanography and Coastal Sciences
and Coastal Ecology Institute, School of the Coast and
Environment
Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge
Dugan S. Sabins, Senior Environmental Scientist
Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality, Baton Rouge
- 4:45 Q&A Panel
Members of the Faculty
- 5:00 Adjourn

- 9:00 **Overview and Perspective**
Issues for Day Two
Thomas D. Gildersleeve, Esq., Program Co-Chair
Taylor, Porter, Brooks & Phillips, Baton Rouge
- 9:15 **Featured Presentation**
A View from the Governor's Office
Sidney Coffee, Executive Assistant to the Governor for
Coastal Activities
Office of the Governor, Baton Rouge
- 10:00 Morning Break
- 10:15 **America's WETLAND**
Raising National and Global Awareness
Valsin A. Marmillion, President and Founder
Marmillion + Company, Washington, DC
- 11:00 **Contracting with the LDNR**
Rules to Follow and Pitfalls to Avoid
Isaac Jackson, Jr., Esq., General Counsel
Louisiana Department of Natural Resources, Baton Rouge
- 11:45 Lunch Break
- 1:00 **Ethics**
Considerations for the Environmental Professional
Robert A. Kutcher, Esq.
Chopin, Wagar, Richard & Kutcher, Metairie
- 2:00 **Mitigation Banking**
Overview; Current Status; Future Development in Louisiana
Daniel E. Bollich, RF, AWB, PWS, Forester, Wildlife
Biologist, Wetland Specialist
C-K Associates, Baton Rouge
- 2:45 Afternoon Break
- 3:00 **Recent Developments in Louisiana**
Wetlands and Water Law
Case Law Update
Ryan M. Seidemann, Esq., Assistant Attorney General,
Lands and Natural Resources Section, Civil Division
Louisiana Department of Justice, Baton Rouge
- 3:45 Q&A Panel
Members of the Faculty
- 4:00 Evaluations and Adjourn

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Program Co-Chairs

Jack C. Caldwell is currently working as a coastal consultant, attorney, arbitrator and adjunct law professor. He served as Secretary of the Louisiana Department of Natural Resources (LDNR) from 1996-2004. At the LDNR, he oversaw a department of 487 employees and a budget of \$187 million.

Thomas D. Gildersleeve practices environmental law. His practice encompasses all aspects of environmental law, including environmental litigation, compliance counseling, assessing environmental issues in business transactions, and wetlands permitting.

Featured Presenter

Sidney Coffee was appointed by Governor Blanco to direct the Governor's coastal policy office and the state's efforts in American's WETLAND: Campaign to Save Coastal Louisiana. She chairs the State Wetlands Task Force and represents the Governor on the CWPPRA Task Force. Previously, she worked in Governor Foster's Office of Coastal Activities.

Timothy J. Axtman is presently investigating a critical, near-term plan for coastal restoration and further development and design of restoration alternatives. He has worked with the New Orleans District since 1982. He was previously assigned to the Engineering Division, where he was involved with hydrologic and hydraulic modeling.

Daniel E. Bollich has over seven years' experience in natural resource and wetlands management. His background is in forest management, wetlands ecology and restoration, remote sensing and geographical information systems. He has assisted mitigation bankers in the development of several agency-approved mitigation banks.

John W. Day, Jr., has been a professor at LSU since 1971. He has published extensively on the ecology and management of coastal and wetland systems and has over 100 peer-reviewed publications. He is presently working on using wetlands as a means of removing nitrogen from the Mississippi River and for assimilation of municipal effluents.

Karen Gautreaux works on coastal restoration, water resources and environmental education. She began her public service career in 1989 in the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality. She later joined Governor Roemer's Office of Environmental Affairs, where she worked on natural resource and environmental policy issues.

Andrew J. Harrison, Jr., has an environmental practice that includes regulatory counseling, litigation and transactional advising. He is well-known regionally for his work on Clean Air Act issues. He represents metals and chemical manufacturers, electric power companies, and oil and gas exploration companies, among others.

Rocky Hinds has been with the Louisiana Department of Natural Resources, Permits and Mitigation Program, since 1987. In this position, he assesses the conformance of proposed activities with the Coastal Resources Program. Previously, he worked for the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries.

Isaac Jackson, Jr., oversees all legal matters of his department, including numerous professional service and other contracts, grants, cost-share agreements, and related transactions. He previously worked, on behalf of the department, with the Office of Mineral Resources and the Louisiana State Mineral Board.

Robert A. Kutcher practices real estate, commercial, franchising and antitrust litigation. He has authored numerous legal publications, spoken on business litigation and ethics matters, and served as Chairman of the Louisiana Attorney Disciplinary Board in 1999.

Valsin A. Marmillion is recognized as one of the top campaign strategists in the country. In 2002, his firm was selected to develop and manage the award-winning America's WETLAND: Campaign to Save Coastal Louisiana, the largest public education effort in the State's history.

David L. Patterson has managed the operations of his company through its affiliates since 1992 and has served as professional-in-charge of all of its projects since 1996. In addition to his survey practice, he has 20 years' experience in preparing and receiving approval for numerous wetland delineations and 404 permits.

Dugan S. Sabins has over 25 years of experience with water resources and aquatic sciences. His present position involves senior technical and management support responsibilities for surface water quality standards, water quality assessment, nonpoint source and other surface water quality programs.

Jason Schendle covers a variety of issues, including agriculture, environment, energy, and overseas efforts to pass the Conservation and Reinvestment Act (CARA). He is a member of the State Bar of Texas.

Ryan M. Seidemann is an attorney and anthropologist. He has ten years of experience in anthropology, including laboratory analysis at such places as the Smithsonian Institution and fieldwork on archaeological projects throughout the southeastern U.S.

Andrew C. Wilson has been defending the State in the much publicized oyster lease "takings" litigation. His practice consists primarily of environmental, admiralty and insurance defense litigation, including defense in class actions, remediation or clean-up of contaminated sites, insurance coverage litigation and subrogation.

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